

Shaker Ministry's Shop  
(Shaker Ministry's House)  
E. side of Shaker Road, 1 mi. S. of  
State Rt. 2A, approx. 2 mi. W. of  
Worcester-Middlesex County line  
Harvard  
Worcester County  
Massachusetts

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Location: East side of Shaker Road, 1 mile south of State Rt. 2A, approximately 2 miles west of Worcester-Middlesex County line, Harvard, Worcester County, Massachusetts

Present Owner and Occupant: Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin R. Foster

Present Use: Residence

Statement of Significance: This is one of the later buildings at Harvard.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1847 (date stone in foundation wall).
2. Architect, builder and suppliers: Unknown. Because of the style and detail, it is thought that the architect may have been Augustus Grosvenor, who designed and built the North Shaker Building, later known as the "Rural Home."
3. Original and subsequent owners: The Harvard Shakers; the Shakers sold the property to Fiske Warren of Harvard, in 1918, who incorporated it into his single-tax Tahanto Enclave; it was then sold to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wait in 1932; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin R. Foster bought the property from the Waits in 1959.
4. Alterations and additions: Some alterations were made by Bruce Elwell, a Boston architect, in 1936. Minor remodeling was carried out by Bayard Underwood, AIA, in 1963.

## B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with the Structure:

None known.

## C. Sources of Information:

There is a photograph from 1916 by Clara Endicott Sears; the original is at the Fruitlands Museum, Harvard, Massachusetts.

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